developed two collagen based products along with drug delivery system for wound dressing. The details of the developed products are as follows:

(i) The first collagen-based dressing for controlled delivery of Silver Sulphadiazine has been developed to address infection during healing process. The preparation of collagen scaffold impregnated with silver sulphadiazine (SSD) loaded alginate microspheres is capable of delivering the drug in a controlled manner, thus reducing frequency of dressing change and making wound assessment and management easier.

(ii) Another product is collagen based wound dressing material to deliver ciprofloxacin, an antibiotic.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Funds to Global Research Alliance by CSIR

2879. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR had provided funds to Global Research Alliance (GRA);

(b) if so, the details of members/member organizations of GRA and financial support granted by CSIR and utilized by GRA during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of representatives of CSIR in the above organization, if any, during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the reasons for providing financial support to above organization?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The GRA has nine members. These are: (i) Battelle Memorial Institute, USA (ii) CSIR, South Africa (iii) CSIR, India (iv) Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia (v) Danish Technological Institute (DTI), Denmark (vi) Fraunhofer Gesellschaft (FhG), Germany (vii) SIRIM Berhad, Malaysia (viii) Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), The Netherlands, and (ix) VTT Technical Research Centre, Finland. CSIR, like all other members, equally contributes funds for the operations of the GRA secretariat. Accordingly, CSIR has contributed US$ 15,000 in 2004 and US$ 20,000 in 2005 and US$ 22,500 in 2006. The GRA secretariat on an average utilizes around three fourths of the contributions received by the end of every calendar year.

(c) The CSIR representatives on the GRA during the last three years, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were:

(i) Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director-General, CSIR as the CSIR Principal.

(ii) Shri R.S. Saxena, Scientist, CSIR Hq as the CSIR Champion.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Financial contributions by member organizations are for the operations of GRA Secretariat, to undertake networking with national and international bodies, coordination of GRA activities, communications, maintenance of GRA website, exploring new global funding opportunities for international global partnerships between GRA members, printing of GRA documents and other day-to-day operations.

Utilisation of funds by CSIR

2880. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national institutes of CSIR used to generate External Cash Flow (ECF);

(b) if so, the details including the amount, source and utilization of ECF and the amount of Lab Reserve Fund and the amount of ECF utilized for foreign travel of Directors and Scientists of all national laboratories of CSIR, including CSIR head-quarters during the last five years, year-wise, institute-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the amount of ECF distributed to scientists, technical and administrative staff and provisions under which amount had been distributed at all national laboratories of CSIR, including CSIR headquarters during the last five years, year-wise, institute-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Campuses of NIHH

2881. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to expand the number of campuses of the National Institute for Hearing Handicapped;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present two campuses of the Institute are unable to meet the demand for trained people in the country;

(c) the plans of the Institute to conduct training programmes in rural areas of the country;

(d) whether the Institute would franchise institutions in rural areas to increase access of handicapped people; and

(e) the steps proposed to expand the network of assistance in all sectors and categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The NIHH has headquarters in Mumbai, regional centres at New Delhi, Kolkata and Secunderabad and a state collaborated centre at Bhubaneshwar. These Centres are